

**TELECONFERENCE  
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,  
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS  
MADISON, WISCONSIN  
February 14, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Joan Underwood, Tracy Benzel, Frederick Birts, Stephen Donohue, Tom Evans, Herb Garn, Roger Hall, David Mickelson, and Robert Wendt

**EXCUSED:** Robert Karnauskas, Wayne Lindgren, and Jerry Tyler

**STAFF PRESENT:** Katharine Hildebrand, Judy Mender, and William Black, Legal Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER**

Joan Underwood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. A quorum of nine members was present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Tom Evans moved, seconded by Tracy Benzel, to approve the agenda, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF AB 358**

Bill Black discussed AB 358 with the Board and to clarify any misunderstanding there may be from the previous teleconference held on February 11, 2002. This bill codifies status quo. He further explained that regulating incidental practice would be accomplished through the Department's complaint process. The Board needs to make a recommendation to the Governor as to whether or not the Bill should be signed.

**MOTION:** Tracy Benzel moved, seconded by Steve Donohue, to support AB 358 as amended, and that legal counsel should indicate in the bill analysis to be sent to the Governor that the Board is generally satisfied, but there is a concern over the workability of the new exemption concerning incidental practice. Roll call vote: Joan Underwood-Yes; Tracy Benzel-Yes; Frederick Birts-Yes; Stephen Donohue-Yes; Tom Evans-Yes; Herb Garn-Yes; Roger Hall-Abstained; David Mickelson-Yes; and Robert Wendt-Yes. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Katharine Hildebrand announced that Secretary Herrera has asked her to take a new position in the Department as a full-time Public Information Officer to revise all brochures, start up the new board member workshop in June, better media relations, and approach the Legislature to try to raise credential fees. The Board offered their congratulations and thanked her for all her services. Her replacement will be Mary Forseth.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Fred Birts moved, Steve Donohue, to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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**TO DO LIST**

1. Have DOE come to next Joint Board Meeting on March 14, 2002 to explain the complaint process.
2. Send Steve Donohue copies of the minutes for the telephone conference meetings from October and December of 2001.